

All the voters favoring said proposed amendment shall erase the words "Against Prohibition" by making a mark through the same, and those opposing it shall erase the words "For Prohibition."

If a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be "For Prohibition" said amendment shall be declared adopted. If a majority of the votes shall be "Against Prohibition" said amendment shall be lost and so declared.

All the provisions of the general election laws as amended and in force at the time said election is held shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of the electors, the method of holding such election, and in all other respects, as far as such election laws can be made applicable.

SEC. 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

SEC. 4. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing resolution was passed by the House by the following vote: Yeas 101, nays 19; that it passed the Senate with amendments by a vote of 22 yeas and 6 nays; that the House concurred in Senate amendments by a vote of 89 yeas and 22 nays.]

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING CITIES OF MORE THAN 5000 INHABITANTS TO ADOPT THEIR CHARTERS BY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

H. J. R. No. 10.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

House Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5, of Article 11, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for cities of more than five thousand (5000) inhabitants to adopt their charters by a vote of the people.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 5 of Article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 5. Cities having more than five thousand (5000) inhabitants may, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of said city, at an election held for that purpose, adopt or amend their charters, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by the Legislature, and providing that no charter or any ordinance passed under said charter shall contain any provision inconsistent with the Constitution of the State, or of the general laws enacted by the Legislature of this State; said cities may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law or by their charters; but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful for any one year, which shall exceed two and one-half per cent, of the taxable property of such city, and no debt

shall ever be created by any city, unless at the same time provision be made to assess and collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and creating a sinking fund of at least two per cent thereon; and provided, further, that no city charter shall be altered, amended or repealed oftener than every two years.

SEC 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation, submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas at the next general election held in this State, or in case any previous election shall be held in this State for other purposes, then this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State, at such election. Those favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words: "For amendment to Section 5, Article 11, of the Constitution, authorizing cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to adopt their charters by a vote of the people;" those opposing said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against amendment to Section 5, Article 11, of the Constitution, authorizing cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to adopt their charters by a vote of the people." The sum of five thousand dollars, or so much as is necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the Treasury of the State of Texas out of moneys not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of the publication of this amendment and the proclamation for the election.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the House by a vote of 113 yeas and 1 nay; that is passed the Senate by a vote of 23 yeas and 3 nays.]

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION
CREATING THE OFFICE OF PRISON COMMISSIONER
AND MAKING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PRISON
COMMISSIONERS SIX YEARS.

H. J. R. No. 22.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

A Joint Resolution proposing to amend Article 16 of the State Constitution by adding thereto Section 58, creating the office of Prison Commissioners, and making the term of office of the members of the Board of Prison Commissioners six years, and making an appropriation.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section which shall be known as Section 58 and shall read as follows:

Section 58. (Article 16.) The Board of Prison Commissioners charged by law with the control and management of the State prisons, shall be composed of three members appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, and whose terms of office shall be six years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided that the terms of office of the Board of Prison Commissioners first appointed after the adoption of this amendment shall